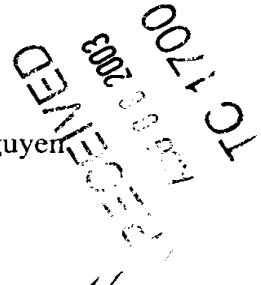




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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2003, Applicants elect Group III, identified in the Official Action as containing claims 15-19 and 36-64, drawn to a powder molding apparatus with a linking means, classified in class 425, subclass 451, for prosecution on the merits.

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